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SUBJECT: FOOD SUPPLY SITUATION

1. GERALD NIRASCOU DISPATCH REPORTED LE FIGARO 3 MAY 1976 INDICATES FOOD SUPPLY SITUATION SERIOUSLY DETERIORATING. ALTHOUGH SOME OF HIS MATERIAL DATED AND SAPUROV STATEMENTS CONCERNING CONDITIONS IN TURKMENIA TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT AND OVERPLAYED, WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS ON FOLLOWING UNCONFIRMED STATEMENTS ON SUPPLY CONDITIONS IN MOSCOW:

A. QUOTE IMPOSSIBLE TO BUY POULTRY FOR PAST TWO WEEKS, COFFEE DISAPPEARED TWO MONTHS AGO, AND PEPPER A YEAR AGO
END QUOTE.

B. QUOTE STORES IN MOSCOW SUBURBS HAVE RATIONED THEIR CUSTOMERS TO 500 GRAMS OF MEAT AND BUTTER PER PERSON
END QUOTE.

2. ALSO, WOULD LIKE TO HAVE TELEGRAPHICALLY PANASUK AND
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TRICK FINDINGS CONCERNING FOOD SUPPLIES DURING RECENT

TRAVEL IN UKRAINE AND NORTH CAUCASUS.

3. A REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WILL BE APPRECIATED.
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